have taken their boat for repairs and they were unable to pay.

Mangayil Road and Thevara—road communication between.

84. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the provision of direct road communication between the Mangayil Road and Thevara will not provide better facilities for the eastern and southern villages in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluq to gain access to the Wellingdon Island and thereby to get easy markets for the products of these villages;

(b) what will it cost the Government to connect Thevara with the newly proposed Mangayil-Nettur Road;

(c) (i) if a direct road as suggested in (a) is had, what will be the total length of it between Thevara and Trippunittura Fort;

(ii) what will be the length up to Kundannur boundary?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) A road connection between these two places with necessary drainage arrangements will cost about 2 lakhs of rupees including L. A. charges.

(c) (i) 3½ miles.

(ii) 2 miles.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Considering the importance of the road will the Government consider the feasibility of constructing a road at least by the time the Harbour work is completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—We have laid a definite programme of road construction for the next five years and after that this will be considered.

Water scarcity—Nemmara Firka.

85. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar** *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any representations have been made to the Government from the inhabitants of Nemmara Firka regarding the scarcity of water for irrigation purposes in the locality;

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